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10 May 2024

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4007-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 17 April 2024.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. A list of the top 100 independent service providers (“ISP”) that the ICB has paid in relation to outsourcing NHS funded services in the following areas, ranked by amount of fees paid:

- Ophthalmology
- Gastroscopy
- Dermatology

2. Within that list please include the following information:

- Name of the ISP
- Year first outsourced to this ISP
- Fee paid to this ISP in FY2022/2023
- Fee paid to this ISP in FY2021/2022
- Fee paid to this ISP in FY2020/2021

3. Please also share a general register or directory of companies that the ICB outsources to across all healthcare service verticals, including the applicable vertical for each company.

Please refer to the two attached documents, which answer all of the above questions.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
ICB Chief Executive**